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1. "PUBLIC DEFENDER" COUNSEL IS READILY AVAILABLE ON REQUEST
TO ALL DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING AMERICANS, WHO ARE UNABLE FUND
PRIVATE COUNSEL.

2. ALL PRACTICING LAWYERS ARE SUPPOSED BE AVAILABLE FOR PUB-
LIC DEFENDER DUTY ON ROTATIONAL BASIS, BUT MORE INFLUENTIAL,
BETTER ESTABLISHED LAWYERS ARE OFTEN ABLE AVOID REQUIREMENT.
WHILE PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNSEL MAY OFTEN BE OF LOWER CALIBER
AND INFLUENCE THAN PRIVATELY PAID COUNSEL, GAP IS NOT EXTREMELY
SIGNIFICANT. OF GREATER SIGNIFICANCE IS GENERALLY
UNIMPRESSIVE CALIBER OF ALL COUNSEL, NO MATTER HOW PAID. AT
PRESENT THERE ARE NO LAWYERS IN PRIVATE PRACTICE IN ISFAHAN
WHO SPEAK ENGLISH OR WHO HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE OF BRITISH-
AMERICAN LEGAL TRADITIONS WHICH CONDITION AMERICANS' APPROACH
TO - AND UNDERSTANDING OF - LEGAL PROCESS. SOME LOCAL LAWYERS
HAVE UNIV LAW DEGREES FROM IRAN OR FRANCE, BUT MANY
QUALIFIED THROUGH APPRENTICESHIP ONLY. BY FALL A
BRITISH-EDUCATED IRANIAN LAWYER AND HIS NON-PRACTICING
ADVISORY PARTNER, A FORMER AMCIT WITH HARVARD LAW SCHOOL
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BACKGROUND, WHO HAS TAKEN IRANIAN NATIONALITY, EXPECT OPEN
PRACTICE IN ISFAHAN TO SERVE DEMAND CREATED BY LARGE
AMERICAN RESIDENT COMMUNITY.
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